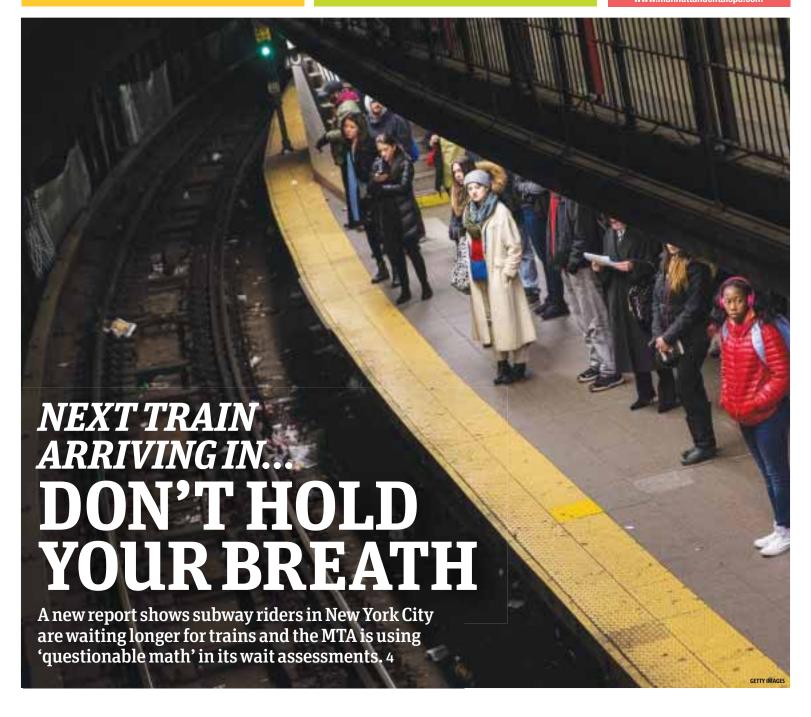


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#### FACEBOOK, EYEING TV, BOLSTERS LIVE VIDEO

Facebook Inc. on Wednesday rolled out new features for its live video product, a major challenge to Twitter Inc.'s Periscope live-streaming service, and Snapchat's video features. Facebook Live, which offers streaming video, added a host of features to make it easier for users to find and share clips from friends, celebrities and media companies, marking its biggest push yet into real-time video.

#### FERGUSON REJECTS PROPERTY TAX TO FUND JUSTICE DEPT. DEAL

Voters in Ferguson, Missouri, rejected a property tax increase that would have helped fund changes to its police department required by the U.S. Justice Department after the city erupted in violence following the shooting of a black teenager in 2014. A new sales tax did pass, but the city will still be left with a financial shortfall as the property tax proposal did not meet the required two-thirds threshold to be enacted. The city may try to put the proposal on the ballot again in August. "There is still a deficit," Ferguson Mayor James Knowles said on Wednesday, the day after the vote. "There is still a gap." The fatal shooting of unarmed Michael Brown, 18, by Ferguson police officer Darren Wilson, who is white, exposed friction between the city government and the largely black community. Ferguson erupted into violent protests after a grand jury chose not to indict the officer. A U.S. investigation released in 2015 found systemic racial bias by police targeted blacks and created a "toxic environment" in Ferguson. REUTERS

#### NO PRISON FOR GULF SPILL, FINAL DEFENDANT GETS PROBATION

A former BP rig supervisor who pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge in the 2010 Gulf of Mexico oil spill was sentenced to 10 months of probation on Wednesday, concluding a federal criminal case in which no one received prison time over the disaster. Donald Vidrine, 68, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Stanwood Duval in New Orleans, in accordance with a plea agreement in which the defendant admitted to the negligent discharge of oil, a Clean Water Act violation. Vidrine and another supervisor aboard the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig had been accused by the U.S. Department of Justice of failing to properly conduct necessary pressure tests before the April 20, 2010 blowout of BP's Macondo oil well. The blowout caused the deaths of 11 workers and the largest U.S. offshore oil





Ta'jae Warner, 17, was brutally attacked over the weekend by a group of teenagers after she had defended her younger brother. FACEBOOK

# Family of teen beaten to death in Coney Island needs help to fund funeral

Ta'jae Warner died on April 6 from the

injuries she sustained after being beaten outside her apartment building after defending her younger brother.



While still trying to come to terms with the loss of 17-year-old Ta'jae Warner, her family is asking for some help to properly lay the teen to rest.

Warner died in Bellevue Hospital on Tuesday night from the injuries she

sustained after four teens—two boys and two girls—allegedly beat her over the weekend when she was defending her younger brother, according to published reports.

The attack occurred near the Ocean Towers on West 24th Street in Coney Island on April 2 when the teen was heading to the store with her 11-year-old brother, the New York Daily News reported. The group of teenage attack-

ers then allegedly made a comment before assaulting her.

Warner was allegedly thrown to the ground and punched and kicked, according to PIX11 New York. The teen was then allegedly knocked unconscious after her head hit the pavement.

According to the Daily News, 18-year-old Sarina Agard-Forde was arrested in connection with the assault and is accused of striking Warner until she was knocked out. Agard-Forde has been charged with felony and misdeThe family decided to start a GoFundMe campaign in order to raise money for Warner's funeral as well as medical expenses and to help the family attend the funeral services.

The campaign page was filled with words of support for the family, and kept seeing donations rolling in — with over \$3,200 donated as of Wednesday afternoon.

"My heart goes out to the family. She was my granddaughter's best friend. She was always at the house. You didn't see the attack, PIX11 reported.

"We as parents, we think we can protect our children at every given time," Arthur Warner told PIX11. "It's not like that. Reality just hit me in the face and it's not going to go away for some time pow"

He added that he suggests his daughter's other attackers give themselves up because "the one that they do have in custody will sing. She's going to sing her tune."

Tony Herbert, a community activist and founder of the Advocates

W i t h o u t Borders Network, shared videos of the memorial for Warner on his Facebook

and also called on any witnesses to approach police and help bring the attackers to justice.

"We're here to stand with the family in whatever way we can to get those that are involved or calling them to turn themselves in," Herbert said in one video. "We'll make some noise and hope we can get those individuals to turn themselves in or get somebody to turn them in"

# Reality just hit me in the face and it's not going to go away for some time now."

Arthur Warner

meanor assault — even though prosecutors are looking to put forth more serious charges. The other three teens are still being sought by police, who are looking at surrounding surveillance video for some leads.

Warner was declared brain dead on April 3 as a result of the injuries and her family decided to remove her from life support on Tuesday night and have her organs donated. one without the other. My prayers and condolences go out to both of these families. You not only lost a daughter but my granddaughter lost a best friend," wrote Maria Olds on the page.

The teen's father attended a makeshift memorial on Tuesday night in the lobby of his daughter's apartment building where community members, friends and family voiced their outrage over

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# Subway wait times worse: Audit

Compared with 2013 and 2014, in 2015 wait times got worse for 16 subway lines and better for five lines.



If you feel like you've recently been waiting for the subway much longer than before, you aren't imagining things.

State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli released an audit on Wednesday that showed subway riders in New York City are waiting longer for trains — and things are getting worse.

The audit also found that the MTA uses a form of measuring the times that may make subway performance seem better than it actually is.

"The MTA is very clear that it considers its wait time assessment to be its most important measurement of the reliability of subway service and riders' experience," DiNapoli said. "It turns out the way transit calculates this measurement obscures the reality of straphangers' wait times. New York's subway riders deserve better."

#### **Missed goals**

According to DiNapoli, the MTA's goal in 2013 was to have 79.4 percent of all trains meet their target, and 80.7 percent in 2014 and 2015. The agency met the goal in 2013, with 80.3 percent, but did not meet the goal for 2014 with 78.8 percent.

Subway overall wait time performance also dropped between March 2013 and August 2014. As of June 2015, the MTA's year-to-date assessment performance was 78.4 percent — 2.3 percent below its goal.

#### **Best and worst**

The audit also found that compared to September 2013 through August 2014, wait times got worse from January 2015 through December 2015 on 16 lines.

These subway lines include the 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, A, B, C, D, J, Z, L, M, N, Q and R. During the same time period, wait times reportedly got better on five lines — the 2, 3, E, F

Among the number lines, the 1 line performed the best in 2013 and 2014, while the 5 line was the worse. For the letter lines, in 2013



People wait for the train. And, according to a comptroller's report, they're going to be waiting for a while. GETTY IMAGES

"Crowding is the single most frequent cause of subway disruptions, followed by maintenance work on subway tracks."

MTA statemen

the C was the best, while the D ranked the best in 2014. The A line, however, was ranked as the worst in both years.

## Diverging assessments

DiNapoli continued by saying that by the MTA's own measure, wait times are getting worse  however, things might seem better than they actually are.

The audit found that the agency's wait assessments — in which the MTA sets a goal for meeting weekday targets of time between trains, measured by averaging all lines together — are potentially misleading and created using "question-

able math

According to DiNapoli, the MTA comes up with the wait times when combining annual averages that do not separate the large lines from the small ones — especially shuttles.

The state comptroller goes on to call on the MTA to revise and disclose how it calculcates and reports its performance when it comes to wait times; address the worsening in wait-time performance with a detailed plan; and develop and implement a process to let riders know of delays and alternative routes based on real-time data.

#### MTA's response

In response, the MTA said that the comptroller's audit includes "misunderstandings, misinterpretations and outright misrepresentations" of how the MTA is meeting the challenges of a growing ridership.

"Crowding is the single most frequent cause of subway disruptions, followed by maintenance work on subway tracks. Contrary to the audit's claims, the MTA has launched robust efforts to analyze and attack the root causes of delays, from increasing preventative track surveys and maintenance to deploying rapid response teams and additional staff on platforms," a statement from the MTA said.

The agency added that in its 2015-19 Capital Program it provides a "critical resource" to improve wait assessment by reducing disruptions, improving infrastructure and increasing the number of trains during rush hours.

"The MTA is committed to improving subway service for our growing ridership," the statement continued. "The comptroller's audit does nothing to help this effort."

# Suspect sought in Bronx burglary spree netting \$13K in high-end goods

The NYPD is looking for a man possibly connected to a string of recent Bronx burglaries that has removed over \$13,000 in high-end goods and electronics.

Police have identified Mark Wiggins, 26, as the man they believe has robbed four apartments and an office since March 18. Wiggins lives in the Bronx, stands 6-foot-2 and weighs 195 pounds, authorities stated.

Wiggins allegedly robbed the office of Wavecrest Management Team at 488 E.163rd Street on March 18 by using a MetroCard to open the door, resulting in the removal of two televisions, keys and a printer



The suspect NYPD

totaling \$2,650, authorities reported.

The next three robberies, which took place on Monday, March 21, occurred in two buildings at 507 E. 161st Street and 508 E. 162nd Street in the Morrisania neighborhood, when Wiggins

allegedly used keys to enter three residential apartments and remove over \$7,500 worth of goods including two Swiss watches, two iPads, an Xbox One and a Tiffany & Company bracelet, according to the NYPD On Tuesday, March 29, at 488 E. 163rd Street, Wiggins allegedly used a key to gain entry to an apartment before subsequently taking jewelry and various electronics worth \$3,455, police said.

Most recently, on Monday, April 4, the suspect allegedly attempted to break into another residence at 488 E. 163rd Street but was unsuccessful and fled.

Anyone with information is asked to call the NYPD's Crime Stoppers Hotline at 1-800-577-TIPS (8477) or, for Spanish, 1-888-57-PISTA (74782) or to submit tips online at NYPDcrimestoppers.com.

## BRIEF

#### Woman sends child to steal baby stroller from Queens porch: NYPD

Police are looking for a woman they said used a young boy to commit a crime over the weekend in Queens.

On April 3 at about 7 p.m., near 35th Avenue and 97th Street, the suspect sent the child to take a baby stroller from the front porch of a 40-year-old victim, authorities said.

Cops described the suspect as a heavy-set Hispanic woman between 35 and 40 years old. She was last seen wearing a gray coat, light-colored knit cap, black pants and black shoes.

Anyone with information in regards to this incident is asked to call the NYPD's Crime Stoppers Hotline at 1-800-577-TIPS (8477) or for Spanish, 1-888-57-PISTA (74782).

The public can also submit their tips by logging onto the Crime Stoppers website or by



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# DA: Miami couple indicted in New York for roles in \$2M cross-country ID theft scheme

A couple from Florida has been charged with running an identity theft scam that stole from numerous victims throughout the country — all to fund a life of luxury.

Alberto Companioni, 31, and Patricia Perez-Gonzalez, 26, were indicted on Tuesday for their roles in a credit card and identity theft scheme that resulted in about \$2 million in fraud, according to Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance Ir.

The couple was charged on March 18 with grand larceny, identity theft and other charges.

According to prosecutors, between 2014 and 2016, Companioni and Perez-Gonzalez used American Express credit cards with chip technology that were created using stolen personal information from victims across the United States. The duo used the cards

to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars on vacations, designer merchandise, luxury vehicles and other expenses.

The American Express accounts were opened online using personal information from victims — primarily senior citizens — who were unaware that their names, birthdates and Social Security numbers had been stolen and used to open fake accounts, authorities said.

The credit cards were then allegedly shipped to various locations across the country, mainly to vacant homes and properties, and then were picked up by the duo and other accomplices.

Prosecutors added that the credit cards were opened in the names of over 40 victims and used by the couple and co-conspirators to rack up more than \$2 million in charges and attempted charges. One of the ac-



Perez-Gonzalez and Companioni TWITTER

complices currently lives in South America, and is suspected of working with Companioni and Perez-Gonzalez to arrange the scheme.

According to authorities, Companioni and Perez-Gonzalez used the credit cards to pay for trips to New York, California, Hawaii and enjoy expensive meals, nights out at clubs and shopping sprees at designer stores such as Hermes, Burberry and Louis Vuitton.

The duo also alleg-

edly used the cards to buy electronic devices to resell to buyers overseas.

Perez-Gonazalez, reportedly a bikini model, also allegedly used the cards to buy wholesale items that she later resold on her retail clothing website called "Le Fashion Wheels."

Vance said the method of fraud used by the accused allowed them to run up "significant lines of credit" with no plan to pay off any charges."

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#### BRIEF

#### New Jersey child porn crackdown nets teacher, school bus driver

A statewide child pornography crackdown in New Jersey has led to the arrest of 16 people, including an elementary school teacher and a school bus driver.

A state and federal probe called "Operation Safeguard" targeted online file-sharing networks to track down suspects who allegedly distributed child pornography, the Associated Press stated in an article reported by Fox29.

"By viewing and distributing child pornography, particularly the child rape videos targeted in this operation, these offenders directly motivate and put themselves in league with the predators who torture children to create these repulsive materials," acting New Jersey Attorney General Robert Lougy was quoted by the Bergen Dispatch.

Thomas Guzzi Jr., a fifthgrade teacher at John H. Winslow Elementary School in Vineland, was among those arrested, the Dispatch added. Guzzi has also been charged with third-degree invasion of privacy for allegedly hiding a tablet computer in a public bathroom to secretly record people.

Also arrested was Eugene Triston, 55, a Sparta School District bus driver who allegedly watched child pornography in between bus runs, according to the Dispatch.

"These defendants come from all walks of life, but they allegedly share a depraved desire to see children being raped and sexually exploited," Lougy was quoted by New Jersey 101.5.

The 16 arrested, who ranged in age from 17 to 72, now each face second- and third-degree charges of child pornography distribution and possession, 101.5 added.

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# **Inside look: Manhattan poolside homes**





Manhattan may be an island, but it's not easy to find a place to swim.



Even belonging to a gym with a pool is a rarity — let alone having access to one in your own home. But there are a small number of luxury properties out there that either have pools in the building or, for those with millions to spend, units with private pools.

StreetEasy data demonstrates just how rare the amenity is in the city's new residential buildings. The real estate pulled stats on the number of pools in new buildings.

There were more than 2,000 buildings with amenity information on StreetEasy that were built between 2010-2015, and 43 buildings had a pool (or 2.1 percent). Manhattan had 24, Brooklyn 15 and Queens four.

StreetEasy also found that " buildings with pools typically sell for far more in comparison to inventory at large.'

Manhattan units in buildings that sold over the 2010-2015 time frame sold for a median of \$5.1 million, while borough-wide the median sale price was much lower — \$850,000.

A similar price gap can also be seen in Brooklyn and Queens.

Here are seven pooladjacent units that are on the market.

#### Private pools

#### One Riverside Park

This Upper West Side unit offers five bedrooms and six baths, with a 3,620-square-foot wraparound terrace for \$15.3 million. That massive terrace not only features Hudson River views, but there is also a private swimming pool.

#### 11 Beach Street

Included in the 11 Beach Street development are three townhouses, all of which have a "subterranean spa level" with a 50-foot pool steam shower, sauna, and relaxation and exercise area. Currently, one townhouse is on the market for \$12 million, featuring four

bedrooms and five baths.

#### 45 Greene Street

This SoHo duplex penthouse loft comes with an outdoor heated resistance swimming pool. The \$9,750,000-condo has more than 5,400 square feet of interior and exterior space including two bedrooms, with a den or third bedroom, and three full bathrooms. While lounging by the pool, you can enjoy downtown views, with an additional sun terrace one level up that has 360-degree views of the city. The terrace also has water, gas and electrical hookups.

#### **Buildings** with pools

#### One Madison

Located near Madison Square Park, this luxury building counts among its amenities "an indoor pool set within sensational marble-clad walls," according to StreetEasy. A full-floor residence with private terrace, three bedrooms, three full baths and a powder room, and keyed elevator entrance is currently on the market for \$12.5 million. The wraparound terrace offers views of both rivers.

#### The Printing House

Behind the walls of this West Village condominium on Hudson Street, with an Italian Renaissance inspired/Art Deco façade, is access to a rooftop pool. The pool is located in the flagship Equinox Health Club that also has its own sun deck. A \$4,490,000 unit for sale features two bedrooms plus den/ bedroom and three-and-a-half baths in 2,000 square feet. This industrial-style loft duplex with Hudson River views was also renovated down to the studs.

#### 322 West 57th Street

The 58th floor of this Midtown building is home to the Sheffield Spa & Health Club featuring a saltwater pool, sun terrace, sauna and steam rooms, and complimentary yoga, Pilates and spinning classes. For \$2,950,000, a 34th-floor residence is available with three bedrooms and Hudson River and Central Park views.

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# Fiat Chrysler cuts 1,300 jobs in Michigan, scraps shift



The Fiat Chrysler Group headquarters in Auburn Hills, Michigan GETTY IMAGES

Fiat Chrysler Automobiles (FCA) said on Wednesday it is laying off about 1,300 workers indefinitely and ending one of the two shifts at its Sterling Heights, Michigan, plant that makes the slowselling midsize Chrysler 200 sedan.

U.S. sales of the Chrysler 200 were down 63 percent in the first three months of this year from a year earlier, as FCA has deemphasized sales of the model which had been often sold to rental agencies.

The layoffs will be effective July 5.

The company did not say how long it would continue to make the Chrysler 200. In January, FCA Chief Executive Sergio Marchionne said the company would cease making the midsize sedan as well as the compact Dodge Dart, unless a partner could be found to keep the production going.

United Auto Workers Vice President Norwood Jewell said in a statement that the move was not unexpected, and expressed optimism that FCA will find jobs for the workers by making more trucks

"FCA is not the only company experiencing a slow market for small cars," Jewell said. "On a bright note, there is a strong demand for larger-sized vehicles. The company has been planning to increase its capacity to build more trucks and SUVs. I believe that in the long term this move will be a positive one for our members and the company.

It is one of the largest layoffs at a U.S. auto plant since the 2008-09 recession, and there is widespread speculation that it will not be the end of production changes among U.S. automakers trying to adjust to consumer tastes that continue to shift from cars such as sedans and hatchbacks to SUVs and pickup trucks.

Workers at the Sterling Heights plant in suburban Detroit will return to work this coming Monday after a 10-week shutdown called to match consumer demand with production, the company said.

In 2015, passenger cars accounted for 44 percent of sales in the U.S. automotive market, down from 48 percent in 2014. The last year cars outsold SUVs and trucks in the U.S. market was 2012, when 51 percent of new vehicles sold were cars, according to industry consultant Autodata Corp.

## BRIEF

#### Country music star Merle Haggard dead at 79

Country musician Merle Haggard, who emerged from prison to become the poetic voice of the American working man with hits such as "Mama Tried" and "If We Make It Through December," died on Wednesday, his 79th birthday, said manager

Haggard died of pneumonia at his home in Palo Cedro, California, Mull said.

The country legend had canceled all his concerts for the month of April due to illness. His son Ben, who played lead guitar in Haggard's band, said his father had predicted the day of his death.

"A week ago, Dad told us he was gonna pass on his birthday, and he wasn't wrong," Ben wrote on Facebook. "An hour ago he took his last breath surrounded by family and friends." Haggard became one of

the most influential figures in country music with a repertoire that included songs with traditional country themes such as drinking and heartache, but he infused them with more insight and tenderness than most honky-tonkers. He also broadened the genre by writing about poverty, loneliness and social issues.

Haggard once said he preferred playing guitar to singing but it was his voice that made him stand out.

"Haggard's exceptionally true intonation, his command of varied vocal textures and his insinuating phrasing would make him a superior vocalist in any idiom," the New York Times said of Haggard in his prime. "Like Muddy Waters in the blues field and only a handful of other performers, he both embodies and transcends his rich American musical heritage."



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# Deposition ordered for woman in debunked Rolling Stone rape article



A U.S. judge has ordered a central figure in a debunked Rolling Stone magazine article about an alleged gang rape at the University of Virginia to answer questions in a defamation lawsuit, court papers showed.

In a two-page ruling on Monday, Virginia-based Chief U.S. District Judge Glen Conrad ordered the woman, who is identified in court papers for the case as "Jackie," to participate in a deposition on Thursday.

The Rolling Stone article, "A Rape on Campus," published in 2014, described a gang rape of a University of Virginia first-year student identified by her first name of Jackie, allegedly during a party at a fraternity.

a fraternity.
The article caused
an uproar over the issue
of campus sexual assault, but Rolling Stone
retracted the story after
discrepancies surfaced.
The magazine later commissioned a review by
Columbia University that
criticized the publication
for reporting and editing

In the latest development, Judge Conrad ordered Jackie to be deposed in a federal defamation lawsuit filed against Rolling Stone by a University of Virginia administrator.

Nicole Eramo, an associate dean of students who had met and counseled Jackie, stated in her lawsuit that she was falsely depicted in Rolling Stone as a villain who showed indifference to Jackie's allegations that she had been raped.

Charlottesville police last year said an investigation was unable to corroborate the magazine's story of the assault on Jackie.

In the deposition scheduled for Thursday, the judge has asked Jackie to respond to questions from attorneys for both Eramo and for Rolling Stone. REUTERS

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#### BRIEF

#### Teacher in Newtown, Connecticut, charged with bringing gun to school

A middle school teacher in Newtown, Connecticut, the site of the deadliest school shooting in U.S. history, was arrested on Wednesday and charged with bringing a firearm into the town's middle school, police said.

The teacher, identified as Jason Adams, 46, was spotted carrying a concealed weapon and detained by security at the Newtown Middle School, which called police. Connecticut's state

gun laws, among the strictest in the country, prohibit possessing a gun on school property.

Adams, who was released to await trial, did not respond to a call seeking comment on Wednesday. He has been placed on administrative leave, the schools said.

"This matter is very serious and very troubling, both the Newtown Public School system and the Newtown Police Department took immediate steps to address the matter," the town's schools said in a statement.

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# **Presidential hopefuls** Cruz, Sanders look to New York contest

Cruz's emphatic victory in Wisconsin slowed Trump's progress in amassing the needed convention delegates and increased the chances that Republicans will be faced with a rare contested convention.

Decisive wins in Wiscon-

sin boosted presidential

hopefuls Republican Ted

Cruz and Democrat Ber-

nie Sanders as they chase

the front-runners, build-

ing momentum as they

gear up for the crucial New York primary in two

Seeking to fend them off, Republican Donald

Trump and Democrat

Hillary Clinton will now

look to recalibrate their

campaigns and secure vic-

tories in a state that both

call home and where they

could effectively wind up

the primary process if they win with large mar-

Trump will be called

on to demonstrate that

he can absorb the shock

of a loss and bounce back

against Cruz. The senator

from Texas showed he is

increasingly viewed as the

main Trump alternative

weeks.



nominee for the November election. The Republican race

now turns to New York, which votes on April 19. Republican New York Chairman Ed Cox said he believes the state could decide the nomination. 'Given the wide diversity in New York, I think it will be a definitive moment," Cox said.

On the Democratic side, Sanders, a senator from Vermont, is trying to stage a come-from-behind upset of Clinton, but will struggle to overcome a large deficit in delegates.

Sanders' win in Wisconsin, which brought his victory tally to six out of the last seven contests, added to Clinton's frustration over her inability to swiftly knock out a rival who has attacked her from the left. That frustration was on full display in a Wednesday morning more aggressive approach to criticizing Sanders.

In contrast to a Republican primary season that has been rife with personal insults, the Democrats have largely avoided personal attacks and stuck to policy arguments. But Clinton attacked Sanders for his position on guns and said he lacked a depth of policy understanding.

"You can't really help people if you don't know how to do what you say you want to do," Clinton said on MSNBC's "Morn-ing Joe." "I think he hadn't done his homework and he's been talking for more than a year about doing things that he hasn't really studied or understood."

Cruz's win on Tuesday injected fresh energy into what had been a flagging anti-Trump movement and showed the real estate magnate has work to do to repair damage from remarks about abortion



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#### **BRIEF**

#### Former US coal CEO gets prison time for blast that killed 29

Former Massey Energy Chief Executive Don Blankenship was sentenced to a year in prison and fined \$250,000 on Wednesday for his role in a 2010 West Virginia coal mine explosion that killed 29 workers.

Blankenship, known as West Virginia's "king of coal" for his rags-to-riches background and tough approach to business, was given the maximum

sentence for the misdemeanor conviction by U.S. District Judge Irene Berger. He also was sentenced to a year of supervised probation after release.

Blankenship, who headed Massey from 2000 to 2010, was convicted in December of conspiring to violate safety standards at the Upper Big Branch mine, site of the blast. He was acquitted on felony charges related to accident.

"I want to express sorrow to

the families for what happened and I hope that what I have to say can help them find peace," Blankenship, 66, said before sentencing.

He thanked his supporters and called those who died 'great coal miners." Blankenship's lawyers said they would appeal the sentence.

Blankenship had been accused of conspiring to falsify dust samples and violating federal securities laws by lying

about company safety practices. But the jury that convicted him of the misdemeanor found him not quilty of making false statements and of securities fraud.

The jury had deliberated more than two weeks and had twice told Berger it was deadlocked.

Relatives of those killed and prosecutors had hailed the decision as sending a message on mine safety in coal-rich West Virginia. REUTERS



# White House finds temporary fix in Zika funding fight

The White House said Wednesday it will redirect \$589 million in funds to prepare for the Zika virus before the mosquito that carries it begins to emerge in the continental United States, but urged Congress to act quickly on its request for more money

White House Budget Director Shaun Donovan said the use of money previously provided for fighting another health crisis, the Ebola virus, was only a temporary fix for Zika funding.

Donovan said some measures to fight Zika would have to be delayed, curtailed or stopped unless Congress approves more than \$1.8 billion in emergency funds requested by the Obama administration in February.

The Žika virus, linked to a growing number of cases of the birth defect microcephaly in Brazil, is spreading rapidly in Latin America and the Caribbean and heading north as the weather gets warmer.

Without full Zika funding, Health and Human

> "We should not play with fire

Donovan told reporters on a

Services Secretary Sylvia Mathews Burwell said mosquito control and surveillance may have to be delayed or stopped, vaccine development could be jeopardized and development of faster diagnostic tests could be impaired.

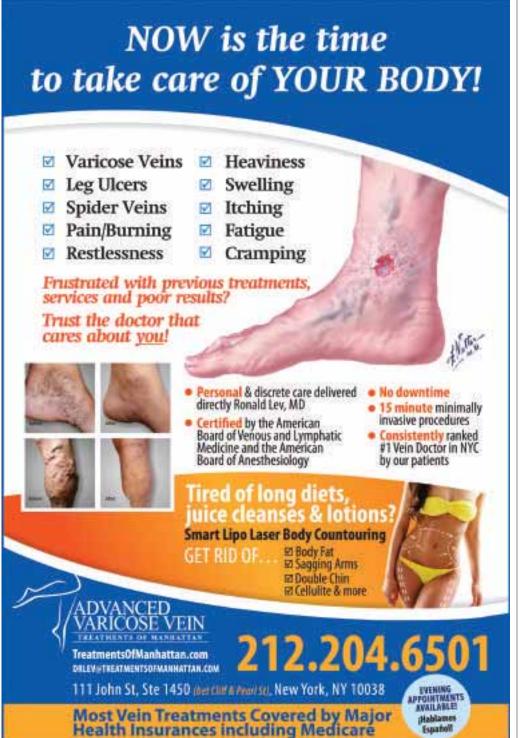
Most of the \$589 million will come from \$2.7 billion in funds set aside for public health projects aimed at the Ebola virus. West Africa was stricken by a two-year Ebola epidemic that killed more than 11,300 people starting in December 2013 and led to a small number of cases in the U.S.

The Republican-controlled Congress has said the White House should draw the money needed to fight Zika from the Ebola funds.

"The first action should be to use money already available, and if that's insufficient then we should explore additional funding," said Republican Rep. Vern Buchanan of Florida, a state threatened

Burwell said a recent flare-up of Ebola in West Africa shows the United States cannot shortchange its work in the region.

"We face two global health challenges, Ebola and Zika, and we don't have an option to set one aside in the name of the other," Burwell told reporters.



# Trump, Sanders speak to supporters in Long Island, Philadelphia



Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump interacts with supporters following a campaign rally on Wednesday in Bethpage, GETTY IMAGES

Republican frontrunner Donald Trump spoke to an estimated 10,000 people during a Wednesday night rally in Bethpage, Long Island.

The candidate mostly kept to his well-known talking points — the wall, keeping jobs in the United States, winning again — but did offer a few nods to his home state crowd, too.

"In Long Island you know it almost better than anybody," Trump told the crowd. "Our companies are being uprooted, they're moving to Mexico, they're moving to other countries .. and you know what? We're going to end the

practice."

The real estate magnate also pointed to comments Ted Cruz made at an earlier debate in which he criticized "New York values." "[There was] hatred, hatred of New York" in Cruz's remarks, Trump said. "So folks, I think you can forget about him.'

While Trump has made comments at earlier rallies indicating he would like to see protesters leave on a stretcher — if not outright punching them himself — he seemed to dial back on these remarks, imploring those engaging protesters "not to hurt them."

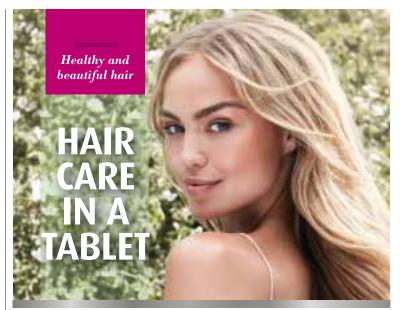
"Be gentle, be very very gentle," Trump said. "I've done it all ways - when I'm like this, they say Trump is getting weaker. And when I'm tough, they say, 'He's too tough. He can't win.

In Philadelphia, Sen. Bernie Sanders campaigned Wednesday evening to a small, invitation-only group of about 200 people, 6 ABC reported.

The Vermont senator also held a rally at Temple's Liacouras Center in North Philadelphia later that evening, though the event started after press time Wednesday.



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Charlize Theron says it's hard out there for pretty people

Listen, guys, it's hard out there for beautiful people, OK? But at least beautiful people spokesperson Charlize Theron is here to draw much-needed awareness to the epidemic. The latest problem? Pretty people aren't taken seriously enough to get the really good, juicy roles in major films. Jobs with real gravitas go to people that are physically right for them, and that's the end of the story," she tells GQ. "How many roles are out there for the gorgeous, f-ing gown-wearing, 8-foot model? When meaty roles come through, I've been in the room, and pretty people get turned away first." Maybe, to start with, don't be 8 feet

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So somehow, somewhere, someone recently started a rumor that Kevin Costner had rescued his wife from a shark attack. Seems plausible, given the spate of recent celebrity aquatic heroics: Hugh Jackman did actually help clear his kids and others from the surf in Australia when a shark was spotted nearby, and Heidi Klum saved her kids from a dangerous riptide. But Costner? Not so much. At least he has a sense of humor about it, though. The man himself took to Facebook to address the rumor by posting a photo from infamous bomb "Waterworld" along with the caption, "Although I do feel well-versed in the art of marine combat, I've fought zero sharks as of late." So there you have it.

## Amy Schumer not down with Glamour calling her plus-size

Amy Schumer got a shout-out on the cover of the latest issue of Glamour, except it was in a list of "women who inspire us" that also included Melissa McCarthy, Adele and plus-size model Ashley Graham. Curious company. And don't think she didn't notice.

"There's nothing wrong with being plus size. Beautiful, healthy women," Schumer posted to Instagram. "Plus size is considered size 16 in America. I go between a size 6 and an 8. [Glamour magazine] put me in their plus size only issue without asking or letting me know and it doesn't feel right

to me. Young girls seeing my body type thinking that is plus size? What are your thoughts? Mine are not cool glamour, not glamourous.

Ŏh snap. Yeah, maybe give at least her publicist a head's up first before mentioning her on the



## Tyga totally cool with Blac Chyna's engagement

So that whole Rob Kardashian asking Blac Chyna to marry him thing? You know, after just a couple of months of dating? You would be forgiven for wondering what her ex — and the father of her child thought of the whole

thing. Especially since said ex, Tyga, is dating a younger half-sister of her new fiance. Tangled web, no? But not to worry, Tyga is fine with it. He just loves love, is all. "Everybody deserves [to] be happy. What some[one] does for their happiness

is not my concern, as long as it's not interfering [with] my happiness,' he posted to Twitter. "It makes me happy to see the mother of my son happy. My only concern in this situation is my son. I want him in happy







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# Riley Keough likes it quiet

The actress challenges herself by starring on the TV version of "The Girlfriend Experience."



Let's get this out of the way: Riley Keough is Elvis' granddaughter. Her mom is Lisa Marie Presley and she spent some of her life with Michael Jackson as a stepdad. When we speak, Keough discusses none of this. She doesn't have to. She's made her own life, and that includes a relatively normal actor's career: a start in indies (like "Jack

& Diane"), striking

supporting work in the likes of "Magic Mike" and "Mad Max: Fury Road." And now she headlines the Starz show "The Girlfriend Experience," in which she's in nearly every scene.

Spun-off from the titular 2009 movie by

Steven Soderbergh (who produced), "GFE" spends 13 half-hour episodes spying on Christine, a young law student who moonlights as a high-end escort. Keough, 26, has to convey a lot without saying much. That's fine with her.

Shooting TV can be hectic for actors, but it seems the quick pace might have helped with a character who doesn't say much. Most of the time, Christine is silent.

I generally don't like overthinking things or preparing too much. This didn't give me room to do that at all. I didn't have an hour to sit in my trailer and intellectualize my scenes. I was given whatever we were doing, and then I was just doing it. With movies you have time to overthink.

Christine doesn't have another person to talk to. That's unusual for a lead character. Even Jane Fonda's call girl in "Klute" had a therapist.



In "The Girlfriend Experience," premiering Sunday on Starz, Riley Keough plays Christine, a young law student who takes up a side job as a high-end escort who does more than have sex with her clients. STARZ

She just isn't that interested in intellectualizing her feelings and emotions, unlike most women. Women are supposed to talk about everything. I am emotional, and I care about my feelings, and I get upset. But [Christine] really doesn't care. She finds that to be a waste of time. I find that really funny.

Soderbergh has talked about how she's unique because she just doesn't think of sex as a big deal.

That's true. And doing this show made me think about why it's such a secret, weird thing. Why is there so much attached to it? I like that it means nothing to her. She's like, "Whatever," and she's unapologetic about it. That makes you think: Is everyone right about sex? It's something that has a lot of emotion attached to it. People get angry about it, people hate it, people love it, people are obsessed with it. To have some-

#### Remembering 'Mad Max'

You were one of the wives in "Mad Max: Fury Road," which is a film that was ostensibly about a heroic white male but wound up really being about strong women fighting against old men. It's funny because none of us thought about it like that. After people started jumping on that train it was like, "Oh, it really is. How did we never think of this before?" But it's kind of sad that it's looked at as a feminist film, just because there are women in it. If it was about men it wouldn't be a film about male freedom. We have to label everything if they're

one who doesn't care is superweird. It's more of a role you'd see for a male character. I think [writers-directors] Amy Seimetz] and Lodge [Kerrigan] were writing for a human, not a woman. That's a great perspective to have on her — that she's just a person, to not give her a gender.

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Ben Harper & The Innocent Criminals release "Call It What It Is" April 8 on Stax Records. DANNY CLINC

# Ben Harper's blues

Outrage over police brutality ignites the musician's latest.

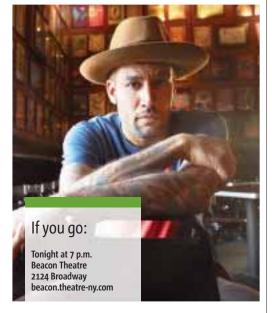


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Despite spending his last two albums in the company of legends, Ben Harper is a solitary man with an incendiary lyrical perspective, a curt-but-soulful croon and a quirky, diverse musicality that finds him at ease with rock, funk or folk. Harper's lonely remoteness too comes from the fact that since 2007, he's been without his usual band of misfits, the Innocent Criminals. That's all about to change now that he's reunited with the Criminal crew and releases their new album, "Call It What It Is," a record whose title track is a hardcore protest blues cut that speaks to the outrage over police brutality that cut short the lives of Michael Brown, Trayvon Martin and others. Harper and his Innocent Criminals hit the East Coast together starting

At the same time you're releasing "Childhood Home," in 2014 you're devising the song "Call It What It Is." I know the deaths of Eric Garner, Michael Brown and others inspired you to write, but can you discuss the specifics of putting emotion and cold, hard facts onto paper?

I don't know that there was a single flashpoint — more like 'enough is enough.' You don't put a



man in a chokehold and kill him just because he's selling cigarettes and think that no one's going to call you out? This is the 21st century. Everybody's got cameras. Enough is enough. What I did was journalism. I'll sing it from the highest mountain.

So when the song first came together, did the Innocent Criminals immediately come to mind? Oh yeah, I wasn't going to record this in any other shape or form. I mean, I could do other versions, say with someone like Charlie [Musselwhite.] But the Innocent Criminals are the men for the job. I've been invested in them

When you disengaged from those same men in

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the first place, was it a slow, laborious process or was the end rip-it-off-likea-bandage quick?

I'm sure everyone saw it coming. Tensions were running high. So it probably still took a while and let things fester a year too long, or five (laughs).

There's sex, there's love, there's whimsy and there's even pink balloons on the new album. After the title track, what song came next – the one that defined where the album would go?

"All That Has Gone" – me

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What do you and the Innocent Criminals offer each other that no other act can?

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Chef Brad Farmerie has changed, and his successful downtown restaurant has changed right along with him.



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When it opened 13 years ago, Public raised eyebrows with its Down Under menu of exotic eats like kangaroo. Now that bravado seems to be giving way to something else — but what's really happening is the expansion of ideas that were always present, says head chef Brad Farmerie, who opened the restaurant with his brother in 2003.

"In the beginning, it was sort of a hidden secret, but we always had two or three vegan dishes and tons of gluten-free options, just because that's the way I was 'raised' in

London," Farmerie says. "There was a chef named Peter Gordon who always believed in having cool options for everybody.

Public is still about the "adventure, unique, different." But Farmerie is joining a growing list of chefs cooking from a personal place, whether it's a response to health struggles, as with Marco Canora at Hearth, or issues like animal welfare and sustainability, which prompted Ravi DeRossi to begin converting all 15 of his restaurants and bars across the city into vegan concepts.

For Farmerie, changing what he eats was a matter of trying to keep up with his life. Two years ago, at the height of hospitality group AvroKo's expansion (the company owns Public) and having two young children at home, he realized he couldn't keep going the way he was.

He found the answer to better health and fitness in the kitchen.

"We had decided to look into some of the health cleanses and dietary changes that other people were doing," says Farmerie. "I've always had nasal trouble, aches and pains, and we looked at different cleanses ... and monitoring the dairy and gluten we eat.'

On the menu, this translates into breads made with potato and quinoa, rainbow trout with spirulina salsa verde (Farmerie says fish is the restaurant's strong suit), charred carrots with lemon yogurt and dukkah, and ricotta cavatelli with carrot bolognese and kale pesto.

Though he was never big on cooking with cream and butter, which tends to come by the "pounds and pounds and pounds" at

many upscale restaurants, he's cut back even further.

"My cooking has always derived inspiration from the Middle East, Asia and North Africa — those cuisines naturally have sauces and flavors that are complementary without being heavy," he says.

The wine list has been trimmed significantly, with intuitive categories based on flavor rather than vintage.

All of these changes are also intended to ease the "certain level of formality" that settled in after Public earned its Michelin star in 2009. The dishes are meant to be so accessible, in fact, that Farmerie hopes people take the ideas home with them. "If someone said to me that, 'I came in to eat at Public and I was inspired to feed my family in a different way,' I would probably hug them on the spot."

#### Restaurant news

#### **Iron Chef Morimoto** takes on ramen

There's nothing hotter in Japanese food right now than ramen, with local and overseas outfits opening in the city almost weekly, and so Iron Chef Masaharu Morimoto is venturing into the world of noodle soups with the opening of Momosan Ramen & Sake (342 Lexington Ave.) this Friday, April 8. The restaurant bears the chef's nickname, and the food will be familiar, too: traditional tonkotsu and chicken ramen, available in two sizes, as well as appetizers like braised pork belly bao and the chef's take on the humble pork-and-chive gyoza and an extensive regional

#### Speed Romeo expands with pastrami pizza

The Lower East Side has been ruled by old-school pizza for far too long. Make way for the reign of heaving, Neapolitanstyle pies with the arrival of Speedy Romeo, which has finally expanded after four years to Clinton Street from Clinton Hill. Chef Justin Bazdarich put in time at Jean-Georges, and what better use of French fine cooking skills

than saucy pizzas with charred, buttery-soft crusts? Everything is still fired in the huge woodburning oven, with the greatest hits from Brooklyn accounted for. But it's the new Beastie Boys shoutout Paul's Boutique (\$22) made with Katz's pastrami that you'll want to lock down. Our drink advice: Skip the cocktails in favor of the Italian wines and the handful of local beers on tap.

#### NYC has two **Best New Chefs**

Two of what were already some of the hottest tables in town just got harder to get after Food & Wine Magazine named Jeremiah Stone and Fabian von Hauske at Contra and Wildair two of its Best New Chefs for 2016. The pair gave the then-fledgling natural wine movement a big boost back in 2013 when Contra opened, with a democratizing tasting menu that put a memorable fine-dining night out in reach of most regular diners. Its neighboring venture, Wildair, is the rowdier younger sibling that parties to the tune of sub-\$20 small plates, but it's certainly no slouch: The restaurant is vying for the distinction of Best New Restaurant at the James Beard Awards this year. EVA KIS



The chicken ramen at Momosan EVAN SUNG



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#### **PARTY**

#### Thank You for Everything!

April 8, 9:30 p.m. House of Yes, 2 Wyckoff Ave. Free-\$16.78, houseofyes.org How else to thank the dancers, artists and revelers who regularly fill House of Yes than with a free night of the best in entertainment? This epic dance party will fill two rooms with pulsing house music and drinks while aerialists spin from the ceiling and go-go dancers take the stage. Entry before 11 p.m. is free, and crazy/sexy costumes get priority access.

#### MUSIC

#### "From Spielberg to Star Wars'

April 8, 8 p.m. Carnegie Hall, 154 W. 57th St. \$25-\$122, Carnegiehall.org Composer John Williams hardly needs introducing — you know him as the man whose music made you cry in "ET," "Harry Potter" and every "Star Wars" movie from 1977 through "The Force Awakens." On Friday night, the New York Pops bring them to life

with a two-hour concert of his

#### DANCE

iconic compositions.

#### **Black Ballerina** Magic: A Tribute

April 9, 8 p.m. New York City Center 132 W. 55th St.

\$35+, dancetheatreofharlem.org Misty Copeland became the first black principal ballerina with American Ballet Theatre in 2015, a huge step for dancers of color who are largely outnumbered in the industry. To honor her

achievement, and to help pave the way for future minority dancers, the Dance Theatre of Harlem is putting on a one-night-only tribute performance called "Black Ballerina Magic" as part of its four-night residency at New York City Center. The New York City Ballet, Houston Ballet and ABT will also be represented.

#### **EVENT**

#### **Good Deeds Day**

April 10, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Herald Square, Broadway between 34th and 35th sts. Free, sharethegood.org A little compassion goes a long way, as this worldwide holiday will remind us in Herald Square this Sunday. Over 40 charitable organizations will be on site and happy to have you lend your talents, time (plant a tulip!) or resources. But the giving goes both ways: Take a free yoga class or pick up some tips at Adrian Grenier's Mobile Kitchen Classroom. Plus, there will be KIND snacks and live entertainment from the VH1 Save the Music Foundation.

#### ΤV

#### PaleyLive NY: "Blindspot"

April 11, 7 p.m. The Paley Center for Media 25 W. 52nd St.

\$32-\$40, paleycenter.org On NBC's "Blindspot," a woman with no memory of her life tries to decipher the past through hundreds of tattoos on her body. You'll get a sneak peek at a new episode of the series, then a panel discussion to make sense of it all with creator Martin Gero and stars Jaime Alexander and Sullivan

#### BOOKS

#### **Gwyneth Paltrow's** "It's All Easy" April 12, 12:30 p.m., Barnes &

Noble, 555 Fifth Ave. April 13, 5:30 p.m., Williams & Sonoma at Columbus Circle Actress and lifestyle guru Gwyneth Paltrow has a new cookbook that makes a big promise: "It's All Easy: Delicious Weekday Recipes for the Busy Home Cook." She's making two stops in town to discuss how even norms like us can create nutritious, celeb-worthy meals (and, of course, she's signing copies).

#### GAMES

#### **Coen Brothers** Trivia Night

April 12, 7-8:30 p.m. Syndicated, 40 Bogart St., Brooklyn

\$10, syndicatedbk.com Kicking off its first Director Retrospective series, Brooklyn's new restaurant-retro cinema Syndicated will host a Coen Brothers Trivia Night. Teams opt in for \$10, which comes with a bucket of beer, and answer questions about films like "No Country for Old Men" and "The Big Lebowski" while "Raising Arizona" screens. T. MICHELLE MURPHY

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#### **Burgundy**

In a land where glorious wines define both lifestyle and cuisine, you'll find savory, soul-warming dishes, from garlicky escargots to coq au vin, both of which pair beautifully with the local wines. While Burgundy's glittering wine trade imparts a sophisticated image to the region, Burgundy itself is basically prosperous farm country. Traditional cuisine here reflects the area's farm-centric soul, with lots of slow-cooked, wine-laced dishes. During a day of wine tasting in the Côte d'Or, dine at a traditional bistro to savor the jambon persillé, chunks of ham enrobed in a parsleyed aspic jelly, or a rich bourguignon.

In summer, be sure to spend a morning at one of the region's bountiful weekend markets. Afterward, enjoy a Charolais steak à la moutarde at a local café and raise a glass to the good life.

A new wave of culinary confidence has been running through one of the world's great food cities and spilling over both banks of the Seine. Like the chefs themselves, Paris diners are breaking away from tradition with renewed enthusiasm. New restaurants, wine bars and rapidly multiplying épicieries and sandwich shops recognize that not everyone wants a three-course blowout



every time they dine out. And because Parisians are more widely traveled than in the past, many ethnic restaurants notably the best North African, Vietnamese-Laotian, Chinese, Spanish and Japanese spots – are making fewer concessions to French tastes, resulting in far better food.

#### **Tuscany**

The influence of the ancient Etruscans who favored the use of fresh herbs - is still felt in Tuscan cuisine three millennia later. Simple and earthy, Tuscan food celebrates the seasons with fresh vegetable dishes, wonderful breadbased soups and meats perfumed with sage, rosemary and thyme. Throughout Tuscany there are excellent upscale restaurants that serve elaborate dishes, but to get a real taste of the flavors of the region, head for the family-run trattorias found in every

#### Amalfi Coast

Locals say they have "one foot in the fishing boat, one in the vineyard"and a fortunate stance it is. You can count on eating simple, fresh, seasonal food, and lots of it, with tutti i sapori della campagna verace (all the true flavors of the countryside). From the gulfs comepesce alla griglia (grilled fish), calamari (squid), aragosta (lobster), and gamberone (shrimp). Wood-oven-baked thincrust pizzas start with the classic Margherita (tomato sauce, basil and cheese) and marinara ("marinated" with tomato, garlic, and oregano) and go from there to infinity. La Cucina Costiera seems more sensuous amid all this beauty. Sundried tomatoes and chili peppers hang in bright red cascades on balconies and shop fronts. Soft fior di latte (cow's-milk cheeses) are from the high hill pastures of Agerola, while the world's best buffalo mozzarella comes from Paestum.

#### Rome

Most chefs prefer to follow the mantra of freshness over fuss, and simplicity of flavor and preparation over complex cooking methods. Romans like Roman food, and that's what you'll find in the majority of the city's trattorias andosterie (wine bars). For the most part, today's chefs cling to the traditional and excel at what has taken hundreds, sometimes thousands, of years to perfect. This is why the basic trattoria menu is more or less the same wherever you go. And it's why even the top Roman chefs feature their versions of simple trattoria classics like pasta all'amatriciana with a tomato, Roman bacon, chili pepper, and pecorino cheese sauce sometimes with onion, although for some that's an issue for debate. To a great extent, Rome is still a town where the Italian equivalent of "what are you in the mood to eat?" translates to "pizza or pasta?"







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# The Masters: 3 reasons golf will be the best thing on TV this weekend

Can Jordan Spieth return to 2015 form and defend his Masters title?



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If you're a true golf fan, this is the week you wait for all year.

If you're a casual sports fan, the Masters is surely on your sports radar this weekend, along with the NHL and NBA playoff races and the first weekend of the MLB season.

Over the last decade the names of the contenders have changed (except for Phil Mickelson of course) but the quality of talent has not. Young guns highlight the current crop of professional golfers, and if you haven't figured it out yet, Jason Spieth, Rory McIlroy and Jason Day are just as talented as Tiger Woods, Ernie Els and Padraig Harrington were 10 years ago.

Here are three reasons to pay attention to "a tradition unlike any other" this weekend, on ESPN and CBS starting Thursday:

#### The course

of the Foot.



There are several legitimate contenders for the year's first major, GETTY IMAGES

The Masters is just visually stunning. The deep shades of green, the red-brown of the mulch and the drastic undulation of the fairways and greens. All with creeks weaving through a bevy of holes with beautiful ancientlooking bridges linking

Last year's champion, Spieth, knows what it takes to attack a world-class golf course like Augusta National.

"I love courses where you have to use your

imagination and a lot of feel," the 22-year-old phenom told PGA.com. A place that you come back to play every single year in a major, this is the only one. You already have a ton of focus on the golf course and really dissecting, giving it your all that week in a major."

The course was designed by Bobby Jones himself more than 80 years ago, and while it has been lengthened nearly 1,000 yards since then it still passes the

test of time.

#### The jacket

Winning the Masters is great. You get a green jacket. Or, in the case of Jack Nicklaus six (four of them for Woods and Arnold Palmer). But just playing in the tournament itself is enough to make grown men cry.

Just ask Jim Herman, who won last week's Shell Houston Open to get the last open spot on the docket to play at

Augusta. It was his first

career PGA Tour victory

made him break down

making the Masters.

but I'm pretty happy,'

Herman told ESPN last

Sunday. "We really did

a good job keeping our

game plan. We wanted

many birdie chances as

stress. And geez, look

what happened. Never

thought it was possible."

we could and keep it low

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on the 72nd green. It was

Sorry for the tears,

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will come down to one of the top players in golf. To win the tournament you need to have

The consensus is that

this year's tournament

The golf

a stellar caddy, a mental toughness, length off the tee, accuracy upon your approach and a soft touch on the speedy greens. Or basically, every club in your bag. And then some.

Players who fit that description are confined to a short list that includes Spieth, Day (who won the PGA Championship last year to net his first major), Bubba Watson (a two-time Masters champ), Adam Scott (another former champ) and Mickelson (who has won twice here too).

McIlroy (seeking to complete the career grand slam) and Dustin Johnson (seeking his first major title) are also key contenders.

'There are probably 10, 12, 15 guys you could make a good case for that have a real shot at winning this tournament," Scott told PGA. com, "even with the standard of golf that

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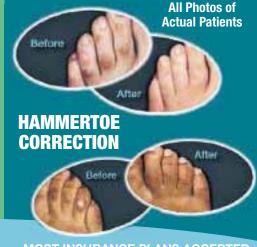
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# **Islanders looking to silence** Rangers with playoffs near

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rently hold an advantage in the standings — the Blueshirts are third in the Metropolitan division with a 45-26-9 record (99 points) and the Islanders are the wild card leader with a record of



Eric Staal and the Rangers take on the Isles Thursday night, GETTY IMAGES

44-26-9 (97 points) — the Islanders can improve their record this season to 2-0-1 with a victory over their neighbors Thursday night. If that goes down, it would be the first time ever the Rangers will have failed to defeat the Isles in the regular season.

More important than any crosstown rivalry right now, though, is

home-ice advantage in the first round of the playoffs, and both teams have a shot. The Rangers know they'll play either the Panthers or Penguins in the first round but it remains to be seen if they'll get that extra game at MSG. The Islanders would like to creep into the third spot in the Metro and would definitely need doing so. The Isles wrap up their regular season with home games against the Sabres on Saturday and the Flyers on Sunday. Philly should be awfully hungry to get that game as it is in a battle with Boston and Detroit for the final wild card spot in

Thursday to have a shot at

#### McDonagh down

The Rangers were dealt a harsh blow at an inopportune juncture this week as captain Ryan McDonagh was injured while blocking a shot on Monday. McDonagh apparently suffered a "small break of the metacarpal bones" in his right hand and is "all but certain to be sidelined for at least the early games of the first round" of the playoffs, according to the New York Post.

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The Draft EA document for this project will be available at these locations until the close of the comment period, which is 30 days after the publication date of April 7. In addition, a copy of this document may be viewed online at: http://www.panynj.gov/about/studies-reports.html

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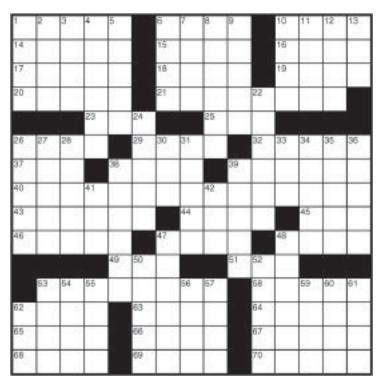
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# metro.us/horoscopes



Aries You need to face emotional issues headon. Settle any differences you have so that you can freely move forward. Compromise will help you maintain a relationship.



Taurus An aggressive tone will help you get what you want. Offering an incentive will be enough to keep everyone happy and allow you to maintain a favored position.



**Gemini** Do what you can to make a difference. Suggest reforms that will bring about a superior work or home environment. Don't feel you have to make a cash donation.



Cancer Work alone until you are sure that what you have to present is perfect. If you leave room for criticism, someone will interfere and ruin your plans.

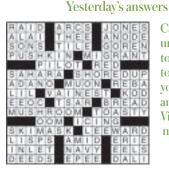


running. Recognize what you are up against and plan ahead to counteract anyone or anything that may get in your way. Virgo Someone will overreact if you are too

revealing. Bide your time and make subtle

Leo Take a chance to get what you want up and

#### changes that won't be detected by someone looking for a fight.



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Libra You'll be questioning others' actions or feelings. Don't be too quick to divulge your concerns. Diplomacy is encouraged if you want to eventually get your way.



Scorpio Express your thoughts. Sharing will encourage you to follow through with the changes you've been contemplating. A simple solution will make a big difference.



Sagittarius Strive for greater personal security. Don't let anyone persuade you to follow a path that doesn't suit you. Don't feel guilty. Do what makes you happy.



Capricorn Keep an open mind, but don't let anyone railroad you into something. You may want to please, but that doesn't mean you should jeopardize your reputation.



Aquarius You should aim to make personal changes that will result in compliments. A trendy look will impress someone you love. Romance will result in a better relationship.



Pisces Stick to promises you know you can handle. You'll be working long hours if you underestimate the extent of a job. Patience and planning will be required. **EUGENIA LAST** 

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